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Statement of Congressman Dan Benishek (MI-01)
-- Representative: "We Need To Drill For More Oil" --

WASHINGTON, DC: Congressman Dan Benishek (MI-01) today released the following statement:

"I am confident the bill I voted on today in the House will help increase domestic energy supplies and lower gas prices. The high fuel prices plaguing our county are hurting families and businesses in Northern Michigan.

In a country that is blessed with abundant natural resources, it makes little sense to not fully utilize all that we have. Some of my colleagues have claimed that increasing oil drilling will have no impact on fuel prices. I am by no means an economist, but I know how supply and demand works—if you increase oil supply then the price oil will decrease.

I want as clean of an environment as possible, but a perfect environment will put us back into the Stone Age. I believe people in the First District understand that without making use of our petroleum resources prices will continue to climb higher.

I am hoping now that this bill is passed in the House, the Senate and the White House will also recognize that by increasing our domestic oil production we can help address the four-dollar-per-gallon gas prices that are hurting American families."

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